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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

REFS (NOTAL): A) STATE 015786, B) ISLAMABAD A-13,  
C) ISLAMABAD 0493, D) ISLAMABAD 12019, E) ISLAMABAD 0882,  
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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ ON  
25 JANUARY TO BRIEF HIM ON US APPROACH TO FORTHCOMING  
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UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA AND TO  
DISCUSS MORE GENERALLY WITH HIM ADMINISTRATION INTEREST  
AND POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS THEY AFFECT RELATIONS WITH  
PAKISTAN.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING - 6 FEB-10 MAR 78:  
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REF (A), AMB MADE POINTS:

-- THAT THE COMMISSION AND ITS DELIBERATIONS ARE OF  
CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE US;  
-- THAT THE HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION, FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN MEZVINSKI, WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATIONS WITH  
THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION BEFORE AND DURING MEETINGS IN  
GENEVA;  
-- THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING DETAILS OF AGENDA  
AND EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH MFA DURING THE NEXT WEEK;  
-- AND THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO WILL  
REPRESENT GOP AT GENEVA.

3. FOREIGN SECRETARY REPLIED THAT GOP ALSO PLACES  
HIGH PRIORITY ON U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND WELCOMES  
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH US HERE AND IN GENEVA. HE  
INSTRUCTED MFA NOTE-TAKER TOUQIR HUSSAIN TO INFORM US  
PROMPTLY ON COMPOSITION OF GOP DELEGATION, AND TOUQIR  
TELEPHONED POLCOUNS SUBSEQUENTLY TO SAY GOP DELEGATION  
WILL BE HEADED BY MR. ALLANA, ALREADY IN GENEVA, ASSISTED  
BY GOP AMB YUNUS AND HIS STAFF.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PAKISTAN: HANDING OVER  
TEXT OF PORTION OF PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION DEALING  
WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, AMB EMPHASIZED THAT US CONCERN FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS HAS ATTRACTED GROUNDSWELL OF SUPPORT, NOT  
JUST IN THE US BUT IN THE WORLD AT LARGE. WE ARE PLEASED  
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WITH THIS MANIFESTATION OF SUPPORT AND WITH THE SUCCESS  
OF OUR EFFORTS IN SOME AREAS, BUT THERE IS STILL A LONG  
WAY TO GO.

5. AMB STATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH ASSESSING  
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN COUNTRIES WHERE WE SERVE  
AND THAT STATE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAKE THESE  
ASSESSMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE CONGRESS (AND THUS TO THE PUBLIC).  
IN TURN, THESE FINDINGS AFFECT US PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

6. AMB NOTED THAT THE US, IN KEEPING WITH ITS OWN HISTORY  
AND ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS, IS INTERESTED -- WITH OTHER  
DEMOCRACIES -- IN THE EARLY RESTORATION OF REPRESENTATIVE  
GOVERNMENT IN PAKISTAN. IN THIS CONTEXT:

-- WE APPLAUD GENERAL ZIA'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT  
TO HOLD ELECTIONS;  
-- WE ARE INTERESTED TO SEE WHEN A DATE WILL BE SET  
BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION (MLA) FOR THOSE ELECTIONS;  
-- AND WE REMAIN EQUALLY INTERESTED IN SITUATIONS  
WHERE PEOPLE ARE DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGES BEING PRESSED  
OR TRIAL BEING HELD.

7. AMB CONCLUDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS TREND IN PAKISTAN APPEARS TO BE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION (E.G. RELEASE OF BHUTTO-ERA POLITICAL PRISONERS, ON-GOING PROCESS OF ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE THE COURTS, AND RECENT AMNESTY LEADER ENNALS' COMMENTS). HE COMMENTED THAT SO LONG AS THIS TREND CONTINUES WE WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

8. FOREIGN SECRETARY THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR HIS REMARKS AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN REPLY:

-- GOP IS WELL AWARE OF STRONG US INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS, AS EMPHASIZED BY AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE AND BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S MANY STATEMENTS;  
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SPEAKING FOR PAKISTAN, HE SAID, "WE ARE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH;"

-- HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN IS "UNIVERSAL, HOWEVER MUCH FLOUTED IN SOME AREAS OF THE WORLD;" PAKISTAN IS "DEEPLY CONCERNED TO SEE THAT NO INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE MADE TO SUFFER FOR HIS BELIEFS OR BE SUBJECTED TO ANY OTHER INJUSTICE;"

-- THE ONLY QUESTIONS IS "THE MATTER OF THE FACTS WHICH COME TO YOUR NOTICE;" HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REPORTS AND OVER EVIDENCE USED TO ASSESS HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PAKISTAN WILL BE "PROPERLY SIFTED TO WEED OUT CHARGES

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OR APPROACHES WHICH ARE POLITICALLY OR OTHERWISE  
MOTIVATED;"

-- TO ILLUSTRATE, HE CITED ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREAT-  
MENT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WHO IS ON TRIAL IN  
LAHORE ON A MURDER CHARGE AND AGAINST WHOM ADDITIONAL  
CHARGES ALLEGING MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE ARE PENDING. SOME  
WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE, HE SAID, THAT BHUTTO IS BEING HELD  
IN "SOME KIND OF A BLACK HOLE." TRUTH IS THAT BHUTTO IS  
BEING WELL TAKEN CARE OF DURING HIS INCARCERATION, AND  
"AMENITIES BEING PROVIDED HIM ARE ABUNDANT." (SEE ALSO  
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REF B POUCHED 25 JAN.)

-- FINALLY, HE OBSERVED THAT "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  
(AI) KEEPS SENDING PEOPLE TO PAKISTAN" TO OBSERVE THE  
SITUATION HERE, THAT THEY ARE WELCOMED, AND THAT THEY  
APPEAR TO DEPART SATISFIED WITH THE SITUATION (REF C).  
HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED TWO AI LEADERS WHO "HAD A MEAL"  
LAST WEEK WITH GENERAL ZIA AND LEFT APPARENTLY "SATISFIED"  
WITH HIS EXPLANATION OF HIS POLICIES AND INTENTIONS.

9. COMMENT: BELIEVE THIS WAS A USEFUL EXERCISE AND  
THAT THE MFA WILL ENSURE THE ACCOUNT OF THE DEMARCHE  
GETS THE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION WITHIN THE GOP THAT IT  
DESERVES. THERE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS STORM CLOUDS ON THE  
HORIZON IN PAKISTAN, ESPECIALLY IF THIS MILITARY GOVERN-  
MENT FAILS IN ITS EFFORTS TO TURN THE ECONOMY AROUND, OR  
TO SET THE STAGE FOR ELECTIONS, OR DECIDES THAT IT  
LIKES BEING IN POWER, THUS DISAPPOINTING ALL THOSE IN  
PAKISTAN WHO HAVE TAKEN GENERAL ZIA AT HIS WORD ON THE  
MATTER OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND ELECTIONS. BUT THE TREND AT  
THE MOMENT -- WITH ABERRATIONS HERE AND THERE -- IS GOING  
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. MAKING DUE ALLOWANCES FOR

TRADITIONAL NORMS IN BOTH THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND OF  
JUSTICE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, BELIEVE WE CAN HELP  
OUR FRIENDS HERE KEEP IT GOING THAT WAY BY CONTINUING  
DIALOGUE WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WITH GENERAL ZIA,  
WITH A.K. BROHI (REF E), AND WITH OTHER INFLUENTIAL  
PAKISTANIS IN PUBLIC LIFE. HUMMEL

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